

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7318
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
PRODUCTION OF WOOL
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of wool in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the quantity of wool imported and exported during each of the last three years, separately;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan/scheme to boost the production of wool including Angoori Wool in the country and to improve its quality;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the Central Wool Development Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

Statement attached to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No.7318 for 12.5.2000

(a) Production of wool in the country for the last three years:

(`000 kgs)

State	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
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Andhra Pradesh	1880	1910	1934
Arunachal Pradesh	58	59	60
Bihar	1230	1260	1270
Gujarat	2418	2450	2500
Haryana	1864	1873	1930
Himachal Pradesh	1555	1570	1564
Jammu & Kashmir	5061	5365	5450
Karnataka	4229	4691	4864
Madhya Pradesh	784	803	810
Maharashtra	1569	1581	1597
Punjab	1200	1220	1250
Rajasthan	18000	18300	18700
Sikkim	36	36	37
Tamil Nadu	714	715	660
Uttar Pradesh	2065	2130	2199
West Bengal	626	629	631

ALL INDIA TOTAL	43289	44592	45456
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(b) The details of the quantity and value of raw wool imported during the last three years are as follows:

Import of raw wool

Year	Quantity (in ton)	Value(Rs. in crore)
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1997-98	57750	600.42
1998-99	54986	490.30
1999-2000 (upto Feb.2000)	59436	445.25

Export of Wool:

The value of the export of wool and woollen items for the last three years is given below:

Year	(Rs. in crore)
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1997-1998	1948.29
1998-1999	1870.42
1999-2000	2110.35

(c) & (d): Yes, sir. The Central Wool Development Board, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Textiles, administers the following schemes/projects aimed at boosting the production of wool and improving its quality:

- i) Integrated Sheep and Wool Development Project
- ii) Integrated Angora Rabbit Development Project
- iii) Machine Shearing - cum - Training Project
- iv) Wool Scouring Plant
- v) Wool Testing Centre
- vi) Industrial Service Centre
- vii) Area Based Project for Development of Wool & Woollens
- viii) U.N.D.P. (CCF-1) for Angora Rabbit Development Programme

In addition, Wool Research Association has been undertaking research projects aimed at improving the quality of wool for past several years.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Government has been increasing the allocation of funds to the Central Wool Development Board for various schemes and programmes for the development of wool and woollens in the country which it administers through State Government Departments/Bodies or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).The budget allocation for Central Wool Development Board for the last 2 years and for the current year is as follows:

Year	(Rs. in lakh)
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1998-1999	450.00
1999-2000	500.00
2000-2001	600.00